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**TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005:

- ☒ Response/Amendment (6 pgs); and
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3267.

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.